

**DISK DRIVE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME INCLUDING A  
NETWORK ADDRESS AND SERVER-CONTACTING PROGRAM**

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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

10 A disk drive is manufactured with a stored server-contacting program and a  
network address. Preferably, a protected area is provided for retaining the server-  
contacting program and the network address in the disk drive while it travels through a  
distribution channel to be installed in a user's personal computer system. The disk drive  
has firmware installed during manufacturing to initiate execution of the server-  
contacting program at an appropriate time, preferably when a selected condition has  
been met.

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